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The average daily circulation of the Barre Daily Times for the week ending Saturday was

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copies, the largest paid circulation of any daily paper in this section.

Dix may have seen the handwriting on the wall paper.

Everywhere he goes, Roosevelt kicks up a tremendous dust.

Modern Athens in Vermont (Windham county) gained 21 people during the past decade.

Besides other things done, Crippen has made the United States think about its mode of criminal court procedure.

By a strange coincidence, Vermont has two women prisoners on its hands who are directly charged with, or suspected of, murder.

Various Vermont cities have been figuring their population, provided they had not been robbed and provided they included their suburbs. By the same manner of reckoning, Barre would have 22,780. How so? Well, there's Barre Town with 4,194 and Montpelier with 7,850, which, added to Barre's 10,730, gives the total above-named.

It should be remembered while reading the caustic comment on Roosevelt by President Stryker of Hamilton, who was recently "beaten to a frazzle" by the ex-president, is a graduate of and a trustee of Hamilton college. There may be something of cause and effect in the connection.

A SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL IN BARRE.

The efforts which Mayor Mutch is making toward getting the co-operation of individuals and organizations in a soldiers' monument project in Barre are deserving of success, and they will secure it provided all lend their co-operation as well as two organizations of the city have done within the last few days. A soldiers and sailors' memorial of Barre granite will add much to the attractiveness of the city, and at the same time will serve to advertise Barre granite as the Burns monument has so well advertised it.

AN OLD-SCHOOL JOURNALIST.

The death of George A. Ainsworth of Williamstown removes a unique figure in Vermont journalism. For years he had gathered in the items of his home town and had set them forth in a style that was peculiarly his own, so that because of their marked individuality they attracted attention wherever the circulation of the paper carried them. He was for a long time the Williamstown correspondent of the venerable Vermont Watchman, published at Montpelier, and on relinquishing those services he became associated with The Times, also as Williamstown correspondent. Mr. Ainsworth was of that type of journalism, whose members look upon an inaccuracy, either in statement of fact or in typographical presentation, as almost unpardonable; and when the blame fell on him (which was a rare occurrence) he was deeply grieved and chagrined. And he was in a position to maintain a marked degree of accuracy, for he knew his particular field of labor perfectly. Mr. Ainsworth knew Williamstown families for scores of years, and he followed closely the careers of those who had gone forth to other sections, having a personal interest in the doings of each and every one. For that reason, too, he was able to bring a personal element into his items which lent a kind of charm to them, in marked contrast to the impersonal journalism of the present time. The Times enjoyed its relations with Mr. Ainsworth, as it feels certain its readers must have.

A DROUGHT IN VERMONT.

The people who are still inclined to find fault with the no-hunting proclamation of Governor Mead base their claim on the belief that there is no drought sufficient to endanger the forests if the hunters were to be allowed to enter to



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pursue game. Undoubtedly, in forming that opinion, they are guided by their knowledge of local conditions; and in certain localities there may not be a shortage of water and the woods may not have been transformed into combustible material of the most fiery sort. Therefore, judging from narrow limits, they may be right in the conviction that the proclamation was not necessary. However, it should be brought to their attention that the governor, in making such a prohibition on hunting, was guided by a wider vision, which was made possible through reports from every section of the state received from officials in those sections; he was probably not guided by mere localized reports.

At any rate, there does exist a serious condition in the southern part of the state, where the shortage of water is becoming acute. It is said that the farmers are hard pressed to secure water for their stock, and that the water has to be carried a long distance or the stock has to be driven the same distance; while smaller communities are likewise hampered by the shortage. In the more northern section of the state, there is not such a crying need, although there the fall of rain has latterly been very light, making the forests more easily a prey to the flames, should they once get started. But when looking at the situation broadly, it can be readily seen that Governor Mead was justified in taking his somewhat drastic action in calling off the hunting season until a less dangerous time; and people who are judging merely from local conditions should take that broader view.

Current Comment

Back from New York.

One has to get right into the bustle and jam of the New York streets for about three days to appreciate the happy surroundings in a country town. Waterbury Record.

He Knows.

Adjournments from Friday until Tuesday are what use up the time. Mr. Legislators. It is that which prolongs the sessions and causes haste and rush at the end of the session. Better not take too many recesses from Thursday p. m. until Tuesday a. m.—Morrisville News and Citizen.

Vermont's Finances.

Some misunderstanding seems to have occurred in connection with the statement of the financial situation made in the legislative report the other day. According to that statement, the state had on hand in cash July 1 last \$295,793.98, available to pay appropriations. The apportionment is that if the state pays all appropriations made available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1910, and ending June 30, 1911; pays arrears on appropriations, and also pays the various items that were unpaid July 1 last, existing and prospective deficits for which no appropriations have hitherto been made, the state, it is estimated, will have on hand July 1, 1910, the sum of \$16,414.06. This last named sum is too small to warrant any new appropriations, payable earlier than July 1, 1911.

It is estimated that if the inheritance and corporation taxes increase during the year July 1, 1911, to June 30, 1912, in the same ratio as they have increased in the past few years, the legislature can make new appropriations not exceeding the sum of \$100,000 in the ag-

gregate that may be used during that year, and if such taxes increase in the same ratio during the year beginning July 1, 1912, and ending June 30, 1913, such additional appropriation could be paid that year without creating a deficit. The figures given in the estimates according to Tax Commissioner Cushman are as correct as it is possible to make them. When the appropriation is for absolute sums the figures, stated in such schedules, represent the maximum appropriation. When the appropriation is unlimited in amount, the figures given represent the estimated amount that will be used during the fiscal year by virtue of such appropriation.

To sum up the situation, it can be stated that the legislature of 1910 can increase the appropriation to be paid annually to the extent of \$100,000 per annum with little danger of creating a deficit.—Burlington Free Press.

The Crippen Object Lesson.

Everybody has said the obvious thing about the Crippen case—that a contrast to our own sensational criminal trials. The English trial was put through at relatively small expense in less than a week and the man convicted. Our famous trials of a similar nature take anywhere from one to three months, cost a great deal of money, and as often as not defeat instead of promoting the ends of justice.

All very true, but certainly not new. A chorus of similar observations is heard every time one of these trials occurs in this country or in England. The differences in the two systems of criminal law is well known, and it is not to our credit. The need of object lessons to prove the latter fact was long ago outgrown. What we really want are suggestions (or rather, definite practical plans) for correcting the obvious evils and weaknesses of our own procedure. Such reforms must come from the lawyers themselves, and various proposals for reform have been made by legal bodies.

Whether because of the simple inertia of established usage or because the reforms were not practical, nothing of any importance has yet been accomplished toward abating the abuse of technical mistakes, having no bearing one way or the other on the guilt or innocence of the accused, nor in abolishing the absurd system of securing expert medical testimony. If reforms in these two matters could be obtained, the worst counts against our criminal procedure would be cancelled.—New York Globe.

A Precious Bill.

The bill introduced in the legislature last week by Senator Powell of Burlington, providing for the exemption from taxation of hotels by the towns or cities in which they are located, is the most precious piece of legislation proposed in a Vermont legislature in a good many years. We want all the good hotels in Vermont that we can get (Enosburg Falls feels this full as well as any other town in the state) but we do not want to violate the constitution or overthrow the whole system of civic government to get them. If we are to adopt this policy, why not exempt farms in order to further the "back to the soil" movement? It is special legislation of the worst kind, and the submission of such a proposition to the general assembly displays a remarkable nerve.—Enosburg Standard.

Jingles and Jests

A Shame.

Warden—No'm; the guy that killed his family ain't here no more. The gov'nor pardoned him.

The Visitor—What a shame! I've brought him a lot of roses! What other murderers have you?—Cleveland Leader.

Before Washing.

First Microbe—I hear the government is going to make the paper money smaller.

Second Microbe—That's bad, for it's awfully overcrowded now.—Judge.

Their Bungalow.

"See anything of Jim Pliffers while you was up to the city?" asks the village grocer.

"Yep. Run across him on the street one mornin'," answered the worthy butcher who has just returned to the little town.

"Understand Jim's livin' pretty well up there?"

"I dunno. Ast him where he was livin', and he said him and his family was settled in a bungalow in the country."—Judge.

The Bulge on Him.

Rastus—For the love of heben, Sambo, what fer you got you-nilla pants turned wrong side before now?

Sambo—Sh! Don't talk so loud. You see, I's invited to a swell reception to-night, and I's gettin' de bulge out'n de knees.—Success Magazine.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

"The Blue Mouse" Will Make You Want to Change Places with Man On Stage.

When Wanda Ludlow, as "The Blue Mouse," in Clyde Fitch's play of the same name, which comes to the opera house this evening declares: "I'm just hungry for a little affectionate attention," there are few in the audience who wouldn't gladly change places with the man whom she is addressing. It all comes about over the "temperament" of "The Blue Mouse," who, when she feels sympathetic can't help being friendly. She has been engaged by Rollett, secretary to the president and obtains for him (Rollett) a promotion. Rollett really loves his wife and is bored at the child-like affection that the "Mouse" would bestow on him.

Quite to the contrary, however, with the president, who also is married. With his wife—well, Mr. Fitch has drawn in her a character so entirely new to the stage, that she must be seen to be appreciated. This mix-up gives a basis for the plot but, not content with this, Mr. Fitch has drawn other characters into the turmoil so that before the three acts are over, the audience has been treated to a variety of the kind of laughter that lasts.

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WILL RE-OPEN

DEER SEASON

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to order in the afternoon, there was not a deerman present, but the moose came in one by one, until shortly before a journeyman a call of the House would have showed a quorum. The revision committee had 15 bills ready for introduction in the House, and these were disposed of first. They were as follows:—

By Mr. Bailey of Randolph, an act in amendment of No. 174, acts of 1896, entitled, "An act in amendment of an act incorporating the village of West Randolph. Provides for electric light plant and bonding therefor."

By Mr. McCuen of Vergennes, an act to amend certain sections of the P. S., relating to examination of pupils for advanced instruction.

By Mr. Babbitt of Rockingham, an act to amend No. 259 of the acts of 1906, entitled, "An act to amend the charter of the Bellows Falls Village Corporation, and to repeal all existing acts relative thereto, relating to water supply and pollution thereof."

By Mr. Cave of Barre City, "An act to amend section 70 of No. 105 of the acts of 1894, entitled, 'An act to incorporate a city and town of Barre,' as amended by No. 211 of 1902." Permits city to borrow money and issue orders, notes or bonds for refunding.

By Mr. Burbank of Cabot, relating to the pollution of the waters of Joe's pond and Cole's pond. Prohibits dumping of refuse in these waters.

By Mr. Ward of Danville, relating to cream tests. Provides for weighing of sample used as test for butterfat.

By Mr. Norton of Huntington, to amend section 183 of the P. S., relating to the election of representatives to the general assembly. Provides for election on third ballot of the one having the largest number of votes.

By Mr. Darr of Springfield, an act to amend No. 48, acts of 1908, relating to flags. List of "flag days," designated by superintendent of education, to be printed and distributed to schools.

By Mr. Viall of Dorset, for the prevention of blindness. State board of health to make rules and regulations as they deem necessary for prevention of blindness and furnish, at public expense, such prophylactic outfits as are necessary for physicians.

By Mr. Barron of Barton, to amend section 6247 of the P. S., relating to the pay of jurors. Jurors' fees in justice courts to be \$1 each, to be advanced by party asking for jury.

By Mr. Miller of Bethel, relating to ballot boxes. Provides that boxes shall be kept locked.

By Mr. Webster of Swanton (by request), an act amending various sections of the P. S., relating to supervision of schools. Permits five towns to form school unions, instead of three.

By Mr. Bowles of Woodford, restricting and regulating trustee process. Provides that in case a judgment is obtained against a wage earner, earning not to exceed \$25 per week, upon filing a certified copy of judgment with employer, he shall deduct 10 per cent. of the weekly wage until satisfied.

By Mr. Chaffee of Rutland City, an act amending section 373 of the P. S., as amended by No. 18 of the acts of 1908, relating to the bond of the state treasurer. Optional with the treasurer as to whether he furnishes surety bonds or others.

By Mr. Peck of Burlington, an act to incorporate the Vergennes Power Co. Incorporates company, capital stock \$200,000.00; office at Burlington; to own electric light plants, electric roads, etc., and operate same.

On motion of Mr. Elliot of Hartford, the bill making the office of state highway commissioner elective by the general assembly, instead of appointive, which was referred to a third reading Friday afternoon, mainly on account of an error in the wording of the bill, was reconsidered. Mr. Battell of Middlebury spoke in favor of the reconsideration of the bill, and it was opposed by Mr. Stafford of Brattleboro, chairman of the highways and bridges committee, which reported the bill adversely. After the error in the bill had been corrected by amendment of motion of Mr. Martin of Brookline, it was made a special order for Wednesday afternoon.

Senate bill No. 5, relating to appeals from the final decision of listers, was passed in conference, being the second bill of the session to pass both houses. The following bills were read the third time and passed:—

To refund the agricultural college fund loan of 1912. Fixing the date for holding county court in Rutland county. To amend section 4977 P. S., relating to the sale of commercial fertilizers. Amending the act incorporating the American Fidelity company.

Mr. Redmond of the public service commission got a hard knock when the House, in the face of a favorable report, killed without mercy the bill raising the pay of the commissioners. Mr. Stone of Wallingford, the only member who spoke on the bill, simply said that he knew of 21 applications for the vacant position on the commission, all of whom would be only too glad to serve at the present rate of pay.

In the evening the Senate had things all its own way, as the Red Cross lecture in the hall of the House had not commenced, and a large number of spectators filled the gallery and seats on the floor of the chamber. For the benefit of the audience, the Senate kindly gave them a 15-minute imitation of the way of doing business, during which time bills were introduced as follows:—

By Senator Dale of Essex, an act to incorporate the Brighton & Newark Railway company.

By Senator Cushman of Bennington, an act restricting trustee process; any person obtaining judgment in any court of this state against wage earner may file certified copy with employer or subsequent employer, who shall deduct 10 per cent. of weekly wage to apply on judgment until satisfied. If more than one judgment, weekly deduction shall be equally divided until judgments are satisfied; a wage earner shall be a person who is earning not to exceed \$20 weekly. No assignment of wages subsequent to passage of this act shall be valid against its provisions.

By Senator Adams of Windham, an act relating to bills of sale. No bill of sale shall be valid against attaching creditors or subsequent purchasers without notice, unless property mentioned delivered to vendee or unless vendee records bill of sale in office of town clerk, when vendor resides in this state; if outside, the office of the town clerk where property is at date of executing bill of sale.

Another bill was ready for introduction, but it was a pretty long one, it was saved until to-day. A joint resolution was introduced by Senator Archibald, by request, granting the use of the Senate chamber to the Vermont Press association for its annual meeting Wednesday evening.



EAST CAPOT.

Mrs. Nelson Cate is sick with the shingles.

Mr. and Mrs. Olivia McCosco of West Danville visited at N. L. Cate's last Monday.

Mrs. J. W. Houghton of Sutton is visiting at her sons', S. E. Houghton and H. L. Houghton.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barr have returned home from their visit at Greensboro and Craftsbury.

Clyde Hill returned home Saturday from the Mary Fletcher hospital, where he has been for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Miles wish to thank their kind friends and neighbors who turned out and helped them last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Amaden and son, Clarence, and Miss Ruth Barr of Greensboro Bend, and Mrs. Sarah Barr of Taunton, Mass., visited at R. S. Barr's Friday.

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